

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 4, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

--Polson et al. (Polson, A. et al. Biochim. Biophys. Acta, 82: 463-475; 1964) described a process for fractioning human plasma by means of ethyleneglycol polymers, throughout of which it is possible to separate a purified fraction of gammaglobulin. Coval, L. (US Patents 4093606 and 4165370, priority 1976 and 1978 respectively) incorporate polyethyleneglycol (PEG) as purification agent for obtaining intravenous gammaglobulin starting from a material separated from the Cohn fractionation (fraction II or II+III). Subsequently there were published equivalent purification processes with polyethyleneglycol, such as that described by Uemura Y., et al. (Spanish Patent No. 506679, applied for in 1981), or similar ones with the only difference that optional pasteurisation of the material which contains the gammaglobulin is introduced, prior to or subsequent to purification with polyethyleneglycol, as also revealed by Uemura Y., et al. (Patent EP 0246579, priority 1986). Also related were chemical methods of virus inactivation with organic solvents and detergents, very efficient against virusses with a lipidic coating, having been applied to proteins derived from human plasma by Neurath et al. (US Patent ~~514375~~ 4540573).--

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